

**REMARKS:**

Claims 1-17 are in the case and presented for consideration.

The claims have been amended throughout in view of the Examiner's objections to define the invention in terms of positive method steps and to avoid objectionable formalities such as the use of periods within the body of the claims.

These changes have been made only to satisfy the Examiner's objections and for no statutory reason either formal or due to the prior art. Accordingly, the claims are believed to enjoy the full scope of protection permitted under U.S. patent law as well as under any judicially created or recognized doctrines of U.S. patent law.

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowability for claims 1-16 and further favorable action is respectfully requested. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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